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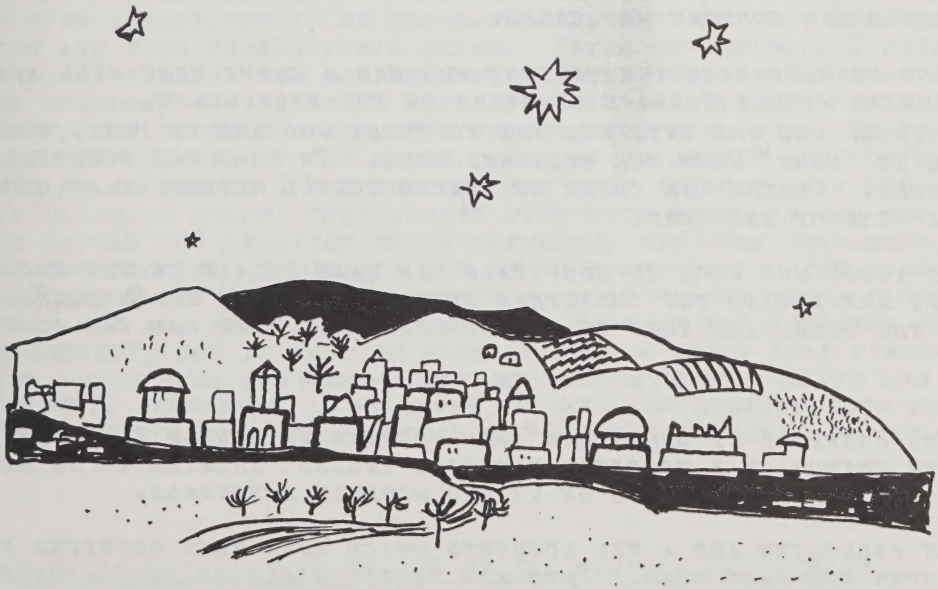
"THE HOSPITAL AT CHRISTMAS"

A Message from the Director

"How do you describe the Christmas season in a hospital? How do you put on paper the emotional experience, the little pleasantries, the human tragedy, and the profound sense of compassion that only a hospital can know during the holiday season? How do you put loneliness into words?

Truly the holiday season is the epitome of the concept underlying medical and hospital care--the great humanitarian spirit, the selflessness, the tenderness of thought and action, the annual renewal of a man's belief in goodness and brotherhood and in doing unto others....



Merry Christmas

THE HOSPITAL IS A SAD PLACE AT CHRISTMASTIME, AND IT HAS ITS JOYS AS WELL. MOST OF THE PATIENTS WHO WERE ABLE TO LEAVE HAVE GONE TO THEIR HOMES. ONLY THOSE WHO ARE SERIOUSLY ILL OR DISABLED REMAIN--AND THOSE TO WHOM HOME IS JUST A DREAM, A MEMORY, OR A HOPE.

IN PEDIATRICS THERE IS BRIGHTNESS AND CHEER, AND THE YOUNGSTERS ARE PROVING THAT CHRISTMAS REALLY IS FOR CHILDREN, NO MATTER WHAT. AND SOMEONE INVARIABLY SHOWS UP IN A SANTA SUIT IN CASE ANY DOUBT REMAINS.

AND MATERNITY IS A HAPPY PLACE, TOO, FOR WHAT COULD BE MORE DELIGHTFUL AND MORE HOPEFUL FOR THE FUTURE THAN A BABY, BORN, LIKE ANOTHER INFANT TWENTY CENTURIES AGO, AT CHRISTMASTIME?

AND WHAT COULD BE MORE TRAGIC, MORE SHATTERING, MORE SOUL SEARING, THAN THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE ON CHRISTMAS EVE?

THE HOSPITAL SEES ALL THESE THINGS AND FEELS ALL THESE EMOTIONS.

AND AFTER THE VISITORS ARE GONE AND THE CAROLERS HAVE DEPARTED AND THE HOSPITAL IS LEFT ONCE AGAIN TO THE PATIENTS AND TO THE NURSES AND MAIDS AND PORTERS AND MAINTENANCE MEN AND TECHNICIANS AND DOCTORS, WHO HAVE GIVEN UP SO MUCH OF THEMSELVES TO WORK AS ONE IN A COMMON PURPOSE, AN ODD SORT OF QUIET SETTLES OVER THE HOSPITAL.

PERHAPS FROM THE STUDENT NURSES' QUARTERS COMES THE MUFFLED SOB OF A GIRL SPENDING HER VERY FIRST CHRISTMAS AWAY FROM HOME. AND IN THE WARDS A PATIENT STIRS FITFULLY AND WONDERS WHAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN LIKE TO HAVE HAD JUST ONE VISITOR, AND PERHAPS HE DREAMS OF OTHER DAYS WHEN THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO CARED.

AND PERHAPS EVEN THE PATIENT WHO HAD A HAPPY TIME WILL AWAKEN IN THE MORNING WITH THE TRACE OF TEARS ON THE PILLOWCASE.

TO THOSE WHO ARE PATIENTS AND TO THOSE WHO ARE ON DUTY, THE HOSPITAL IS "HOME" WHEN THE HOLIDAYS COME. TO SOME THE HOSPITAL IS ALWAYS HOME. OTHERS CAN THINK OF PLACES THEY'D RATHER BE AT SUCH A PERSONAL TIME OF THE YEAR.

BUT THOSE WHO WORK IN HOSPITALS CAN TAKE SOLACE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY ARE LIVING THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT, NOT JUST AT CHRISTMASTIME BUT ALL THE TIME, AND THIS IS THE NOBLEST GOAL THAT MAN CAN ASPIRE TO."

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"THE HOSPITAL AT CHRISTMAS" WAS WRITTEN BY ARNOLD A. RIVIN, FORMER EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF A HOSPITAL MAGAZINE CALLED "TRUSTEE". IT EXPRESSES SO WELL THE FEELINGS OF ALL OF US WHO WORK IN HOSPITALS.

THE FOLLOWING ARE A FEW BOUQUETS WHICH HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN MY OFFICE OVER THE PAST YEAR. THEY ARE TESTIMONIALS TO YOU, A DEVOTED AND WONDERFUL STAFF. I CONGRATULATE EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU AND EXTEND MY SINCERE WISHES FOR A "VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND REWARDING NEW YEAR".

T. GORDON YOUNG, DIRECTOR

BOUQUETS

FROM A VOLUNTEER WHO WAS A PATIENT ON 8 SOUTH

IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO PUT INTO WORDS MY APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE KINDNESS AND ATTENTION I RECEIVED DURING MY STAY IN THE HOSPITAL. THIS INCLUDES YOUR ENTIRE STAFF AND THEIR COOPERATION IN EVERY WAY. FROM THE MOMENT I ENTERED AS AN EMERGENCY PATIENT ON A SATURDAY MORNING, THE GOOD WORK STARTED AND CONTINUED DURING THE FOUR WEEKS. AS A VOLUNTEER, I HAVE ALWAYS HAD PRAISE FOR YOUR STANDARDS, BUT AS A PATIENT, I HAD THE EXPERIENCE OF REALIZING IN EVERY WAY HOW MUCH IT MEANT.

FROM A PRIVATE PATIENT

WE ARE ALL PRONE TO CRITICIZE, JUSTLY OR OTHERWISE, BUT IN THE CASE OF THE HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY I AM SURE AS A RECENT PATIENT I AM BUT ONE OF MANY WHO CAN HAVE ONLY WORDS OF COMMENDATION. YOUR BEAUTIFUL HOSPITAL IS NOT ONLY IDEALLY LOCATED WITH ITS MAGNIFICENT VIEW OF OUR FASCINATING EAST RIVER, BUT MORE ESPECIALLY ARE YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATES TO BE CONGRATULATED ON YOUR VERY EFFICIENT OPERATION AND YOUR PROFESSIONAL STAFF. NEVER BEFORE HAVE I BEEN SO IMPRESSED. I ENTERED THE HOSPITAL WITH EVERY CONFIDENCE IN MY OUTSTANDING SURGEON, WHO TOGETHER WITH EACH AND EVERY OTHER MEMBER OF YOUR STAFF, THE HOUSE DOCTORS, THE NURSES IN ATTENDANCE, THE THERAPISTS, THE ATTENDANTS AT THE BATHS, WERE AS CONCERNED AND ADMINISTERED UNTO ME AS THOUGH I WAS THE ONE AND ONLY PATIENT CONFINED. EVEN THE CLEANING STAFF, THEY WORKED WITH SUCH EASE, IN AND OUT OF THE ROOM BEFORE YOU REALIZED THEIR PRESENCE, THE WORK COMPLETED, THE ROOM IMMACULATE. AND LAST, BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST, THE HOSPITAL "CUISINE" AND I SAY "CUISINE" ADVISEDLY, YOUR VARIED MENU, TASTEFULLY PREPARED AND APPETIZINGLY SERVED. HERE AT THE HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY, ONE IS MADE TO FEEL AT HOME - IT IS VERY COMFORTING, A FEELING WHICH EVEN YOU MUST ADMIT IS CONDUCIVE TO A RAPID AND COMPLETE RECOVERY. PRESENTLY I AM HAPPY TO SAY I AM FEELING MUCH IMPROVED THANKS TO MY DOCTOR AND THE HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY AND ITS ENTIRE STAFF.

WRITTEN BY AN OUT-PATIENT TO OUR SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

"THEY SERVED ME COFFEE IN CLINIC, LIFTED MY FEET UP TO HELP WITH SHOES IN THE X-RAY DEPARTMENT AND THEY PUT IN RAILS IN THE BATHROOM FOR THE MORE HANDICAPPED PEOPLE."

FROM A MOTHER OF A CHILD ON 5 SOUTH

I WISH TO THANK YOU AND THE HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY FOR THE MARVELOUS CARE WHICH OUR CHILD RECEIVED DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS WHILE SHE WAS BEING TREATED FOR HER DISLOCATED HIP. IN PARTICULAR I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO THE NURSES ON 5 SOUTH. THEIR SUPERB CARE OF OUR CHILD AND THEIR SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING OF US AS HER PARENTS HAVE BEEN A GREAT HELP TO MY HUSBAND AND ME DURING THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD.

FROM THE PARENTS OF A CHILD ON 5 SOUTH

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO WRITE THIS MUCH DESERVED LETTER OF THANKS. OUR SON WENT THROUGH AN OPERATION AND WAS CONFINED TO YOUR HOSPITAL FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS. IN THIS TWO WEEKS WE WERE MORE THAN PLEASED WITH THE TREATMENT RECEIVED. THE NURSES WERE MORE THAN NICE TO MY SON AND TO US WHEN WE VISITED. THE HOSPITAL IS TO BE CONGRATULATED IN HAVING SUCH WONDERFUL AND EFFICIENT WOMEN ON ITS STAFF. THE CONGENIALITY AND WARMNESS OF ALL THE STAFF MADE IT SO MUCH EASIER FOR MY SON TO STAY AND SO MUCH EASIER FOR US TO LEAVE HIM THERE FOR THE TWO WEEKS. PLEASE RELAY OUR SMALL MEASURE OF THANKS TO THE STAFF ON 5 SOUTH. I CANNOT PUT IN WRITING HOW HAPPY WE ARE AS TO HOW EVERYTHING TURNED OUT FOR OUR SON. AGAIN I SAY THANK YOU AND WE WILL NEVER FORGET THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE ON 5 SOUTH.

FROM A PATIENT FROM THE FAR EAST WHO VISITED OUR OUR-PATIENT DEPARTMENT

THE HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY FAR SURPASSED MY MOST EXAGGERATED NOTIONS OF THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR THE ALLEVIATION AND TREATMENT OF ORTHOPEDIC AND ALLIED DISABILITIES. THE BEAUTIFUL GOTHIC MOTIF OF THE ARCHITECTURE IMPRESSED ME FAVORABLY EVEN BEFORE I HAD ENTERED THE BUILDING, AND, ONCE INSIDE, I WAS EVEN MORE TAKEN WITH THE EFFICIENCY OF THE DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT PROCEDURES. I WAS CALLED UPON TO VISIT THE HOSPITAL ONLY THREE TIMES, ALL TOLD, AND WAS FITTED FOR THE BRACE ON MY VERY FIRST VISIT. THE STAFF OF THE HOSPITAL ALSO DISPLAYS AMAZING COOPERATION, AND NO INTERDEPARTMENTAL JEALOUSLY WAS EVIDENT AT ANY TIME, ALL THE MORE SURPRISING IN A HOSPITAL OF THAT SIZE, AND INVOLVING SO MANY SKILLED PROFESSIONS.

FROM A CLINIC PATIENT

I SIMPLY HAD TO TAKE SOME TIME OUT TO WRITE TO YOU AND LET YOU KNOW HOW THOROUGHLY THRILLED I AM WITH YOUR CLINIC. SOME TIME AGO, I CAME TO THE CLINIC WITH MY FEET PRACTICALLY IN MY HANDS (IN AWFUL PAIN). THROUGH THE HELP OF THE SUPERVISION OF THE DOCTOR AND HIS STAFF, I AM ABLE TO ENJOY COMPLETE COMFORT IN MY FEET, AND HAVE BEEN FEELING MUCH BETTER. THEY HAVE MADE EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE ME FEEL COMPLETELY COMFORTABLE GOING THERE. I ALWAYS FELT I WAS GETTING PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION, AT A VERY FINE CLINIC.

********** J.C.H.

"A MONTE CARLO NIGHT"

"A MONTE CARLO NIGHT" - A BENEFIT DANCE, PRODUCED BY THE STAFF AND EMPLOYEES OF H.S.S.

DIRECTED BY THE DANCE COMMITTEE, HEADED BY MR. BILL LOCASCIO.
PRESENTED AT THE ESSEX HOUSE, NOVEMBER 13, 1959.
PROCEEDS FOR THE HARRY RASHMAJIAN MEMORIAL FUND, RELIGIOUS SERVICES FUND AND THE LEWIS CLARK WAGNER ALUMNI FUND.
RUNNING TIME - FIVE HOURS.

THE CAST: LES DANSEURS.....THE STAFF AND EMPLOYEES AND ALUMNI OF H.S.S., THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.
LA MUSIQUE.....MR. MANNING AND HIS ORIGINAL COPACABANA ORCHESTRA.

THE PLOT OF "A MONTE CARLO NIGHT" WAS WELL PLANNED AND SPECTACULAR. IT STARTED AT 9:00 P.M., IN THE BEAUTIFUL COLONNADES BALLROOM OF THE ESSEX HOUSE, AND IN SPITE OF THE BAD WEATHER, MOST OF THE CAST WERE PRESENT.

IF YOU HAVE EVER DREAMED OF VISITING MONTE CARLO, YOUR DREAMS WOULD HAVE BEEN REALIZED ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 13, 1959. YOU HAD ONLY TO CLOSE YOUR EYES -- OPEN THEM -- AND -- VOILA! -- THERE YOU WERE AMIDST GLAMOROUS, FASHIONABLY DRESSED WOMEN, HANDSOME, METICULOUSLY DRESSED MEN IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF GAIETY AND FUN; ALL THE INGREDIENTS OF PARISIENNE SPLENDOR, BLENDED INTO ONE NIGHT!

MR. BILL LOCASCIO, CHAIRMAN OF THE AFFAIR, ALONG WITH MRS. HENRIETTA MENDOZA CO-CHAIRMAN, WERE WELL AWARE OF WHAT WAS NEEDED TO MAKE "A MONTE CARLO NIGHT" A GALA ONE. THEY PRESENTED A SCENE-STEALER WITH THE POT OF GOLD, WHICH WAS SUCH A SUCCESS THAT IT CLOSED VERY EARLY IN THE EVENING WITH ONE HUNDRED TWENTY WINNERS OF VALUABLE PRIZES.

THOSE WHO WERE NOT WINNERS IN THE POT OF GOLD WERE NOT UNDAUNTED NOR OUTDONE, BECAUSE THERE WAS THE SCINTILATING MUSIC OF MR. MANNING AND HIS ORIGINAL COPA ORCHESTRA TO KEEP THEM ON THEIR TOES. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR DR. PHILIP D. WILSON, JR. WHO "COULD HAVE DANCED ALL NIGHT". HE PROVED THIS BY REQUESTING EXTRA ENCORES FROM THE ORCHESTRA AFTER THEIR THREE A.M. DEADLINE, AND THEY GRACIOUSLY AGREED!

ANOTHER ADDED ATTRACTION WAS THE "PROPS" THAT WERE SO REALISTICALLY PROVIDED FOR THE DANSEURS BY THE EXCEPTIONALLY BUSY WAITERS AND BARTENDERS. THESE "PROPS" SEEMED TO GIVE THE AFFAIR MORE "SPARKLE" AND BOUNCE TO THE OUNCE!

AMONG THOSE SEEN ENJOYING THE FESTIVITIES WERE - MR. LAWRENCE MCK. MILLER, MR. E. SHELDON STEWART, MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD AND THEIR WIVES AND MRS. JOHN H. REYNOLDS, VICE PRESIDENT OF OUR BOARD AND MR. AND MRS. T. GORDON YOUNG AND A HOST OF OTHERS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.

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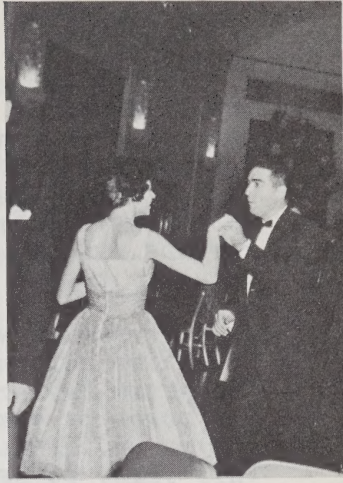
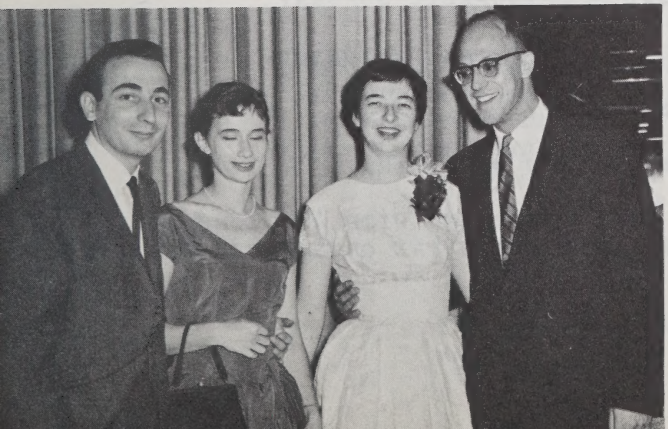
NOVEMBER 13, 1959



A MONTE CARLO NIGHT



IT IS INDEED EASY TO SEE WHY "A MONTE CARLO NIGHT" RECEIVED MY VOTE AS THE DANCE OF THE YEAR. IT WAS AS DIFFERENT BOTH FINANCIALLY AND FUNWISE FROM THE PREVIOUS DANCES AS A BROADWAY SHOW IS TO A SIDE-SHOW. THE DIFFERENCES? FINANCIALLY, IT WAS A SELL-OUT, SINCE THIS YEAR EXCEEDED ALL OF THE PREVIOUS YEARS RECEIPTS; FUNWISE, BECAUSE THE GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY OF THE HOSTS AND HOSTESSES RADIATED TO THEIR FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS PLUS, THE SEEMINGLY COMPLETE ABANDONMENT OF WORRIES, CARES, AND TROUBLES BY EVERYONE PRESENT.

A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS GOES TO THE FOLLOWING (FOR THEIR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT): THE DANCE COMMITTEE, THE ALUMNI COMMITTEE, THE VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT AND MR. AND MRS. MORTIMER DAVIS. MR. DAVIS WAS THE DONOR OF THE BEAUTIFUL DOOR PRIZE, A TRANSITOR RADIO, WHICH WAS WON BY DR. HAMILTON..... SO, IF YOU WERE NOT AMONG THE MANY PRESENT THIS YEAR, DO BE AMONG THE MANY, MANY, PRESENT NEXT YEAR!

********** C.S.J.

IF YOU DON'T KNOW, YOU SHOULD - THAT:

THE NEW YORK SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF THE RUPTURED AND CRIPPLED WAS FOUNDED IN NEW YORK CITY IN 1863, AND IT MAINTAINS THE HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY.

IT IS A VOLUNTARY NON-PROFIT HOSPITAL AND UNTIL 1940 WAS KNOWN AS THE HOSPITAL FOR THE RUPTURED AND CRIPPLED.

IT CARES FOR ALL, REGARDLESS OF RACE, CREED AND COLOR.

IT CONTAINS 192 BEDS

IT TEACHES:

(1) RESIDENT DOCTORS ON A POST-GRADUATE LEVEL.
(2) PRACTICAL NURSING STUDENTS LEADING TO A CERTIFICATE OF L.P.N.
(3) ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY TO MEDICAL STUDENTS FROM CORNELL-MEDICAL COLLEGE.
(4) NURSING STUDENTS FROM FLOWER FIFTH AVENUE HOSPITAL AND NEW YORK HOSPITAL - ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY.

IT EMPLOYES OVER 500 PERSONS ON ITS STAFF AND PERSONNEL.

IT ADMITS OVER 3000 IN-PATIENTS YEARLY.

IT HAS NEARLY 60,000 OUT-PATIENT VISITS PER YEAR.

IT IS AN INDEPENDENT HOSPITAL, BUT AFFILIATED WITH NEW YORK HOSPITAL-CORNELL MEDICAL CENTER AND CONSTITUTES THE ORTHOPEDIC SERVICE OF THAT CENTER.

********** J.C.H.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

THE FOLLOWING POEM HAS BEEN SENT TO US BY EINAR NIELSEN WHO RETIRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE LAST SPRING:-

OH, THERE IT STANDS, THE CHRISTMAS TREE
SO BRIGHT, SO BEAUTIFUL, SO GRAND
NO FINER SIGHT ONES EYES SHALL SEE
ON EITHER SEA OR LAND.

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THE MUCH BELOVED CHRISTMAS TREE
SINCE ANCIENT AGES CELEBRATED
THROUGH CENTURIES IT CAME TO BE
A SYMBOL VENERATED.

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THE TREE, LIT UP WITH MANY LIGHTS
IS LIKE A BREATH FROM FAIRYLAND
ONE'S SPIRIT SOARS TO UNTOLD HEIGHTS
AT ANY SIGHT SO GRAND.

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THE CHILDREN LOVE THE CHRISTMAS TREE
NO WONDER, SUCH A PRETTY THING
IT MAKES THEM CARRY ON WITH GLEE
AS MERRILY THEY SING.

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AND OFTEN ONE MAY SEE A GLEAM
OF JOY, AS DEEP AS THE DEEPEST SEA
IN THE EYES OF OLDSTERS, AS THEY DREAM
BESIDE A CHRISTMAS TREE.

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WHAT ARE THEIR THOUGHTS - - THERE IS NO CLUE
OF LONG AGO - - IT'S MERELY HINTED
BUT DISTANCE MAKES THE MOUNTAINS BLUE
AND HAPPY MEMORIES VIVIDLY TINTED.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

E.N.

ALUMNI DAY 1949

FORTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO IN THE YEAR 1912, ACCORDING TO THE R&C RESEARCH DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE NEW CASPARY BUILDING, PLEASE NOTE, SAW THE FORMATION OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE HOSPITAL FOR THE RELIEF OF THE RUPTURED AND CRIPPLED.

ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH OF THE YEAR 1959, 127 MEMBERS OF WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY RETURNED FOR THEIR ANNUAL ALUMNI SCIENTIFIC MEETING AND DINNER. IT WAS A MOST INTERESTING AND INSPIRING DAY. IF THE EDITOR OF THIS PAPER DARED TO WRITE ON MEDICAL SUBJECTS, WE MIGHT GIVE YOU SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS BUT IT MUST SUFFICE US TO SAY THAT THERE WERE MANY EXPRESSIONS OF APPROVAL OF THE DAY'S PROGRAM.

THE COCKTAIL PARTY BEFORE LUNCHEON WAS HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NEW CASPARY RESEARCH BUILDING. MANY OH'S, AH'S OF APPROBATION WERE HEARD AS THE ALUMNI INSPECTED UNFINISHED LABORATORIES AND THE NEW SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT.

IT WAS A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT TO EVERYONE THAT THE PERENNIAL SECRETARY AND FRIEND OF ALL THE ALUMNI, DR. LEWIS CLARK WAGNER WAS UNABLE TO BE PRESENT. HE IS STILL A PATIENT ON 8 SOUTH AND IS MAKING A SLOW BUT SATISFACTORY RECOVERY. ALUMNI PRESIDENT, DR. JOSEPH H. BOLAND ON BEHALF OF MANY OF WAG'S FRIENDS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY PRESENTED HIM WITH A SILVER TRAY AND SILVER COCKTAIL CUPS IN RECOGNITION OF THE ESTEEM THEY ALL HELD FOR HIM AND FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE AS SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION WAS DEVOTED TO A BUSINESS MEETING, THE APPOINTMENT OF A NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND THE ADDRESS OF THE INCOMING PRESIDENT, DR. DONALD W. BLANCHE OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE DINNER WAS HELD AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE NEW YORK YALE CLUB, ATTENDED BY EIGHTY-SIX ALUMNI AND GUESTS. DR. JOSEPH H. BOLAND PRESIDED AT THE DINNER AND CALLED FOR A FEW WORDS FROM MANY OF THOSE PRESENT INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT OF OUR BOARD OF MANAGERS, MR. PHILIP BASTEDO.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTED ITS SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE NEXT YEAR AND NAMED PAUL C. COLONNA OF PHILADELPHIA AS PRESIDENT-ELECT, DR. WAGNER AS SECRETARY AND DRS. JAMES NICHOLAS AND JEROME LAWRENCE AS ASSISTANT SECRETARIES. THIS SLATE WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED.

AT THE CLOSE OF THE DINNER, MANY OF THE ALUMNI, OLD AND YOUNG STILL FRESH AFTER A LONG DAY, REPAIRED TO ESSEX HOUSE AND THE R&C BALL, WHERE THEY DANCED UNTIL 2:00 A.M. WHAT ANYONE DID AFTER THAT HOUR THIS REPORTER CANNOT SAY, FOR HE HAD TO BE ON THE JOB AT THE HOSPITAL AT 8:30 A.M. AND COULD NOT TAKE ANY MORE.

J.C.H.

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NEW FEATURE COMING IN THE JANUARY ISSUE OF THE R&C - WATCH FOR IT!

AS SEE IT.

MR. AND MRS. JESSE AMARAL AT THE TEA GIVEN HIM AT HIS RETIREMENT. STANDING - MISS JOHANNA VON LUPKIN, MISS GRACE HINMAN, MR. T. GORDON YOUNG, MISS MARY JEANNE CLAPP AND MISS MARION PORTEOUS.

NOVEMBER 13TH WAS ALUMNI DAY AT H.S.S.

ALUMNI NOTES:

HERE IS AN INTERESTING ITEM FROM CHRISTOPHER GUARINO 1950-'53, TUCSON, ARIZONA, AND A VERY WORTHWHILE SUGGESTION FROM HIM FOR THIS COLUMN, HE WRITES: "I ENJOY GETTING THE R&C VERY MUCH AND ESPECIALLY READING ABOUT ALL MY OLD FRIENDS. I IMAGINE MANY OF US DON'T WRITE BECAUSE WE DO NOT FEEL ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN WHAT WE ARE DOING. IF I MIGHT MAKE A SUGGESTION, I THINK IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE SENDING A CARD LIKE THIS ONE TO EVERYONE ONCE A YEAR AND STAGGER THEM SO YOU WOULD HAVE A LITTLE NEWS EACH MONTH. I AM HAPPILY SETTLED IN TUCSON IN A PARTNERSHIP PRACTICE WITH PHIL DERIKSON WHO TRAINED UNDER DR. WILSON'S BROTHER IN OHIO. WE HAVE JUST HAD OUR FOURTH ADDITION TO OUR FAMILY - GIRL, BOY, GIRL, BOY - PRETTY LUCKY.

JOHN A. HOLLIS - 1937-'38, NORWICH, N.Y. WRITES US THAT HIS YOUNGER DAUGHTER, HOPE E. HOLLIS, ENTERED THE SCHOOL OF NURSING AT CORNELL-NEW YORK HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER IN SEPTEMBER, AFTER COMPLETING THE NECESSARY TWO YEARS OF COLLEGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER.

CHARLES M. HAMILTON - 1954-'57, NASHVILLE, WRITES: "THANK YOU AND THE HOSPITAL FOR SENDING ME COPIES OF THE R&C. I AM HAPPILY ENGAGED IN PRIVATE PRACTICE HERE IN NASHVILLE. MY WIFE AND I HAVE TWO CHILDREN, A BOY AND A GIRL AND EXPECT A THIRD ONE IN SEPTEMBER. I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL ON ALUMNI DAY."

WE ALL ENJOYED SEEING RICHARD D. HOOVER OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA ON ALUMNI DAY, BUT BEFORE THAT WE HAD A POSTAL CARD FROM HIM WHICH SAID: "WE WISH TO THANK YOU FOR KEEPING US POSTED THRU THE RECORD & CHRONICLE AND ENJOY RECEIVING IT EACH MONTH. PHIL AND I ARE STILL PUNCHING THE CASH REGISTER BUT BELIEVE ME ITS A JOB KEEPING EACH OTHER HONEST.

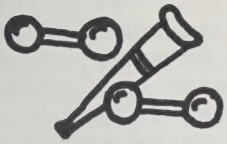
NOW WE HAVE A NOTE FROM ABROAD. JEAN LEBAUDOUR OF PARIS BRINGS US UP TO DATE AS FOLLOWS: "THANK YOU FOR SENDING EVERY MONTH THE REVIEW OF THE H.S.S. I ENJOY IT VERY MUCH EACH TIME. MY OFFICE ADDRESS IS CHANGING THIS SEPTEMBER TO RUE DE TREMOILLE, PARIS 8 - TELEPHONE ELYSEES 80-23. PLEASE CALL WHEN YOU COME TO PARIS. I AM STILL PRACTICING INTERNAL MEDICINE AND SPECIALLY RHEUMATOLOGY. I GOT MARRIED LAST OCTOBER TO URSULA HUGGLES FROM ZURICH."

IRWIN S. LEINBACH, 1942-'43 OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA SPENT PART OF LAST SUMMER IN EUROPE. HE VISITED ORTHOPEDIC CLINICS AND SURGEONS IN GREECE, HUNGARY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, YUGOSLAVIA, GERMANY AND AUSTRIA. ANNUAL TRIP TO EUROPE (NOT SAME COUNTRIES EACH YEAR HOWEVER).

DR. BERNARD ROGOFF OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF RHEUMATIC DISEASES WAS A GUEST SPEAKER ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH AT THE TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TEXAS RHEUMATISM ASSOCIATION, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. HIS SUBJECT WAS: PROBLEMS OF PROLONGED STEROID TREATMENT IN RHEUMATIC DISEASES, AND SCLERODERMA.

********** J.C.H.

P.T's Week Before Christmas



T'WAS THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS WHEN ALL
THROUGH THE GYM
NOTHING WOULD WORK UNLESS IT COULD SWIM.

THE PATIENT WAS THROUGH AND CHANGING HER
CLOTHES.
SHE LEANED ON THE SINK
NOW WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE?

THE P.T'S WERE WEARY AND TAKING A BREAK
WHEN NOISES WERE HEARD LIKE THE RUSH OF A LAKE.

AWAY TO THE DOOR WE FLEW LIKE A FLASH
TURNED QUICKLY THE HANDLE AND NOTED THE SPLASH.

THE PIPES IN THE MIDST OF THE NEW-FALLEN SINK
WERE SPOUTING A GEYSER AS WE CROSSED THE BRINK.

WHEN WHAT TO OUR WONDERING EYES SHOULD APPEAR
BUT A MINIATURE FLOOD WITH NO TINY "REINDEER".

TO THE TOP OF THE RAMP AND UNDER THE STAIR
OUT INTO THE HALL THE WATER DID TEAR.

ALL OVER THE GYM IT CAME LIKE A LARK
PARALLEL BARS LIKE OL' NOAH'S ARK.

MORE RAPID THAN EAGLES THE MAINTENANCE CAME
TRUE TO THE GLORY OF H.S.S. FAME.

THEY SPOKE A FEW WORDS ... AND WENT STRAIGHT TO WORK
TO CLEAN UP THE WATER WHERE 'ERE IT DID LURK,

WITH MOPS IN THEIR HANDS, DISGUST ON THEIR FACES
THEY SET TO THEIR JOB AT DOUBLE-TIME PACES.

A SWING TO THE LEFT, A SLOSH TO THE RIGHT
LIKE WARRIORS OF OLD THEY PUT UP THEIR FIGHT

WE SPRANG TO OUR FEET AT THE 5:00 O'CLOCK WHISTLE
AND AWAY WE ALL FLEW LIKE THE DOWN ON A THISTLE.

BUT WE HEARD THEM EXCLAIM AS WE VANISHED FROM SIGHT
MANY BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL FOR THE WORK THIS NIGHT!

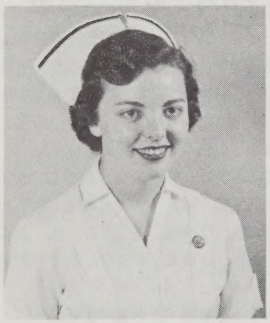
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

PHYSICAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT.

THE NIGHTINGALE'S CHIRP:

RECENT ADDITIONS TO OUR STAFF OF REGISTERED NURSES.

FRANCES BENSON - FRAN, IS A GRADUATE OF THE COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH- THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI. BEFORE COMING TO H.S.S., MRS. BENSON DID STAFF AND PRIVATE DUTY NURSING AT NEW YORK HOSPITAL. HER INTERESTS INCLUDE MUSIC, PLAYING PIANO AND SEWING. "HAPPY TO BE HERE" IS HER ANSWER TO QUERIES ABOUT H.S.S.-CLINIC.



CLAUDIA BOUCHARD - CLAUDIA, IS FROM KINGSTON, N.Y. SHE GRADUATED FROM MISERICORDIA HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING AT MONTEFIORE HOSPITAL - BRONX, AND BENEDICTINE HOSPITAL, KINGSTON, N.Y. SINGING AND A THRIVING ENTHUSIASM FOR BRIDGE OCCUPY HER SPARE MOMENTS. MISS BOUCHARD IS OUR NEW PERSONNEL HEALTH SUPERVISOR.

DOROTHY BOYLAN - DOROTHY, IS A GRADUATE FROM MISERICORDIA HOSPITAL - 1958. SHE WORKED THERE FOR ONE YEAR ON THE SURGICAL UNIT. WINTER SPORTS ARE HER FORTE NOW. - FIVE NORTH.

KATHLEEN CUMISKEY - KATHLEEN, GRADUATED FROM MISERICORDIA HOSPITAL IN 1958. SHE SPENT A YEAR ON THE PEDIATRIC SERVICE THERE BEFORE COMING TO H.S.S., IN NOVEMBER. MISS CUMISKEY IS A BUDDING SKI ENTHUSIAST TRYING HER WINGS AT EASTOVER IN MASSACHUSETTS. CLINIC.

"PAT"

MARY "PAT" DOUGERT - GRADUATED FROM MERCY HOSPITAL IN WILKES BARRE, PA., HER HOME-TOWN. SHE CAME TO H.S.S., AFTER THREE YEARS WORK IN PSYCHIATRY AT PAYNE-WHITNEY CLINIC - NEW YORK HOSPITAL. MISS DOUGERT SAYS HER INTERESTS INCLUDE, MUSIC, DANCING AND "ENTERTAINING PROWLERS"! - SIX SOUTH.

GERALDINE NICHOLSON - GERALDINE, IS A 1959 GRADUATE OF MISERICORDIA HOSPITAL. SHE CAME TO H.S.S. IN NOVEMBER FROM NEW YORK HOSPITAL - SIX NORTH.

ANN O'BRIEN - ANN, CAME TO H.S.S., AFTER A THREE MONTH SOJOURN IN IRELAND THIS PAST SUMMER. MISS O'BRIEN IS THE SISTER OF MARY O'BRIEN WHO RECENTLY RESIGNED FROM SIX NORTH LAST JUNE. SHE GRADUATED FROM MISERICORDIA HOSPITAL.

ANN O'ROURKE - ANN, IS A NEW YORKER AND A GRADUATE OF MISERICORDIA HOSPITAL. SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY AN EMPLOYEE AT DOCTOR'S HOSPITAL AS STAFF NURSE, IN THE CLINI SHE IS WORKING IN OUR CLINIC.

********** J.L.

SOCIAL SERVICE NOTES:

NO DOUBT YOU HAVE ALL SEEN AND HEARD THE SHOUTS OF JOY THAT HAVE FILLED OUR HALLS DURING THE PAST WEEKS AND HAVE BEEN HAPPY TO KNOW THAT SANTA CLAUS WAS VISITING OUR CHILDREN AGAIN.

CHRISTMAS BEGAN WEEKS AGO WHEN THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY BEGAN FILLING STOCKINGS WITH BEAUTIFUL GIFTS FOR OUR HOSPITALIZED CHILDREN AND ENDED ON CHRISTMAS EVE, WHEN ONE HUNDRED CLINIC CHILDREN WERE GUESTS OF THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB AT THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY. THEY ENJOYED A MORNING OF ENTERTAINMENT, A DELICIOUS LUNCHEON AND WENT HOME WITH A BAG OF GIFTS.

WE ARE ALL HAPPY THAT IN A SMALL WAY WE WERE ABLE TO BRING HAPPINESS TO MANY OF OUR CHILDREN, SHARING WITH THEM SOME OF THE JOYS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

MOST OF US SPENT THE HOLIDAYS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, SOME OF US TRAVELING FAR A FIELD TO DO THIS. WE ARE ALL VERY HAPPY FOR MRS. MANDEVILLE WHO HAD HER CHILDREN WITH HER THIS YEAR. HER SON AND HIS FAMILY ARRIVED FROM SOUTH AMERICA IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

********** M.L.R.

A NEW IDEA IN CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

WE WANT TO TELL YOU OF A VERY UNUSUAL CHRISTMAS CARD THAT WAS SENT OUT THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON BY A MEMBER OF THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY, AND THE LADY WHO AT THE SAME TIME IS ONE OF OUR MOST ACTIVE AND HELPFUL VOLUNTEERS. THIS CHRISTMAS CARD SAID:

"IT'S CHRISTMAS, BUT FOR US AN UNUSUAL ONE. INSTEAD OF PRESENTS YOU-ALWAYS-WANTED-BUT-NOT-VERY-MUCH WE ARE GIVING YOU A SHARE IN A BED! IT SEEMS THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO NEED THINGS SO MUCH MORE THAN WE DO THAT WE ARE HAPPILY DIVERTING OUR MONEY FROM MR. LORD, MR. TAYLOR AND MR. BLOOMINGDALE AND SENDING IT TO THE HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY TO BUY A CIRCOELECTRIC BED FOR HANDICAPPED PATIENTS. IT'S A FAR CRY FROM THAT MANGER BED OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS. IN FACT, IT'S A RUBE GOLDBERG SORT OF BED BUT RATHER GAY AND CAN DO ANYTHING A BEAUTIFUL BLONDE NURSE CAN DO - ALMOST -. IT RESTS BETWEEN TWO SHINING CIRCLES OF STEEL, IS A JOY TO ALL WHO USE IT, AND, SINCE THE CIRCLE SYMBOLIZES ENDURING FRIENDSHIP, WE HOPE YOU WILL ACCEPT THIS AS OUR 1950 WISH TO YOU FOR A VERY, VERY"

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

WE AM SURE YOU WILL ALL BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT THIS BED, PAID FOR AS A RESULT OF THIS UNIQUE CHRISTMAS CARD, HAS ALREADY BEEN ORDERED, AND IS GOING TO BE ONE OF THE MOST USEFUL PIECES OF EQUIPMENT WE HAVE AT SPECIAL SURGERY.

********** J.B.